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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON DEMIREL NEWS CONFERENCE, EMBARGO
DEVELOPMENTS

1. SATURDAY'S NEWS CONFERENCE BY PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN
DEMIREL WAS THE TOP STORY IN MOST MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES SUNDAY
(AUG. 3).

2. BANNER HEADLINE TREATMENT MAINLY FOCUSSED ON DEMIREL'S
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN TALKS ON A NEW
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BILATERAL DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT UNTIL THE EMBARGO

IS LIFTED.

3. MAJOR DAILIES INCLUDING MILLIYET, CUMHURIYET AND TERCUMAN CARRIED COMPLETE OR NEAR COMPLETE TEXTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S 10-PAGE OPENING STATEMENT. AMONG ITS MAIN POINTS: --MR. DEMIREL SAID THAT HE HAD DECLINED PRESIDENT FORD'S OFFER OF 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN DISCRETIONARY MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE SAID HE TOLD THE PRESIDENT, "... THE TURKISH NATION, WHICH ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HER DIGNITY, IS VERY SENSITIVE ON THE SUBJECT AND AS A RESULT, THE EMBARGO HAS BECOME A MATTER OF DIGNITY AND PRESTIGE FOR TURKEY."

-- THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE 1969 DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT DEAD AND THAT TALKS WOULD BE HELD TO SEE IF A NEW AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. THESE TALKS WOULD ONLY BE HELD AFTER THE EMBARGO HAD BEEN LIFTED. IF IT APPEARED THAT THE TALKS WOULD NOT PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY, THE DISCUSSION "WOULD TURN TO LIQUIDATION", HE SAID.

-- DEIMREL THEN RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF DISCUSSIONS. HE SPELLED THIS OUT IN A SERIES OF 12 POINTS WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE USG. THESE POINTS WERE:

A) ALL DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES AT COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN STOPPED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NATO DUTY ACTIVITIES AT INCIRLIK.

B) ALL THE INSTALLATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN UNDER THE FULL CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES.

C) TURKISH COMMANDERS WILL (SIC) ASSUME COMMAND OF THESE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES.

D) ONLY THE TURKISH FLAG WILL BE RAISED OVER DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS.

E) ALL TAX EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED BY THE INSTALLATION AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REVOKED.

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F) ASIDE FROM AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT THE INSTALLATIONS, NO ONE, EITHER AMERICAN OR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS, MAY ENTER THE INSTALLATIONS WITHOUT THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF TURKISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

G) IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, ARMS, AMMUNITION OR OTHER SUPPLIES INTENDED FOR THE INSTALLATIONS WHOSE ACTIVITIES HAVE

BEEN STOPPED WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

H) IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MATERIAL AND OTHER SUPPLIES NECESSARY FOR THE DAILY LIVING OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL ON THE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT" AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE NATO AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

I) CERTAIN AIR AND SEAPORTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SUCH ITEMS.

J) ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE REPAIR OR MODIFICATION OF THE INSTALLATIONS HAS BEEN STOPPED. REPAIR NEEDS FOR THE DAILY LIKE OF PERSONNEL ON THE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

K) AMERICAN MILITARY PLANES FLYING OVER TURKISH AIRSPACE AND LANDING AND DEPARTING FROM CERTAIN TURKISH AIRPORTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME TYPE OF PERMISSION GRANTED TO MILITARY PLANES OF OTHER NATO MEMBERS.

L) FLIGHTS WITHIN TURKEY OF AMERICAN MILITARY PLANES WHICH MOVE FROM THEIR ORIGINAL AIRPORT OF ENTRY AND THE FLIGHTS OF AIRPLANES, INCLUDING HELICOPTERS, ALREADY ON TURKISH SOIL WILL BE SUBJECT TO AUTHORIZATION BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

4. IN OTHER COVERAGE IN SUNDAY EDITIONS, SEVERAL PAPERS, INCLUDING CUMHURIYET IN A FRONT PAGE ITEM, REPORT THAT IN AN INTERVIEW ON FRENCH RADIO, FOREIGN MINISTER IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT TURKEY WAS PREPARED TO BUY MIRAGE AIRCRAFT. BAGLAYANGIL ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS INTERVIEWER THAT THE EMBARGO WILL NOT AFFECT TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH NATO. "THE PROBLEM IS WHETHER OR NOT TURKEY CAN FULFILL HER OBLIGATIONS TO NATO BECAUSE OF THE EMBARGO. UNCLASSIFIED

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WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH NATO MEMBERS. THE FUTURE ROLE OF TURKEY IN NATO WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THESE CONSULTATIONS," CAGLAYANGIL SAID, ACCORDING TO GUNAYDIN'S ACCOUNT OF THE INTERVIEW.

5. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN SUNDAY EDITIONS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO DEMIREL'S NEWS CONFERENCE. BUT SEVERAL EDITORIALISTS, FOR THE MOST PART REPEATING THEMES DEVELOPED EARLIER, DEALT WITH THE EMBARGO ISSUE. AMONG COMMENTARIES WAS A COLUMN BY ERDOGAN ALKAN IN GUNAYDIN. ALKAN SAID THAT WITH THE COMING OF THE EMBARGO, "THE SOVIET UNION HAS CHANGED HER ATTITUDE TOWARD TURKEY AND HAS STARTED TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND TO SOFTEN HER POLICIES TOWARD TURKEY. THERE MAY BE CERTAIN CHANGES IN TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICIES UNLESS THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY IS DISCONTINUED."

MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI ALSO FORESAW A SHARP SHIFT IN
TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY. IPEKCI ARGUED THAT THE LIFTING OF THE
EMBARGO AND A CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OF WESTERN COUNTRIES TOWARD TUR-
KEY DEPENDS ON THE GRANTING OF CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS BY THE DEMIREL
GOVERNMENT. BUT DOMESTIC POLITICS, IPEKCI SAID, PRECLUDES SUCH
CONCESSIONS. "THEREFORE, THERE IS THE STRONG PROBABILITY THAT
CIRCUMSTANCES WILL NOT CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENTS WILL CONTINUE
WHICH WILL DRAG THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT INTO RADICAL CHANGES IN
ITS FOREIGN POLICY," HE CONCLUDED.
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